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<i>In re</i> the application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3621
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Dieter WEISS et al.)	Examiner: J. Murdough
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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (Form PTO/SB/08a) being concurrently submitted may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application (copies of the non-U.S. references are being submitted as part of the online filing process). Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and to acknowledge such consideration by signing the IDS at the appropriate location.

The relevance of JP 3-33976 may be ascertained by reviewing the provided English-language abstract. The relevance of JP 2001-117873 and JP 2002-334055 may be ascertained by reviewing the provided English-language abstracts and the provided English-language translations. For the Examiner's use and information, Applicants also have submitted a copy of the Office Action in JP Application No. 2006-540294 and an English translation of this Office Action.

The IDS is being concurrently submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the subject application. Accordingly, no fees are due in connection with the filing of the IDS. Nevertheless, in the event any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0805 (Order No. WACHP011).

Respectfully submitted,
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